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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Tschopp, Jurg
Application No. : 09/520,489 Confirmation No.: 1565
Filed : March 8, 2000
For : APRIL - A NOVEL PROTEIN WITH GROWTH
EFFECTS
Group Art Unit : 1642
Examiner : Karen Canella

New York, New York
September 28, 2001

Hon. Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the July 5, 2001 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicant is filing this reply before the October 5, 2001 expiration of the shortened statutory period, therefore, no additional fees are due.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the claims

Please cancel claim 38 without prejudice.

Please add the following claims: